(a) whether the government have recently set up a high level committee to invite the participation of private sector in the generation of power;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the norms to be followed by private sector for entering into power generation; and

(d) the assessment made by the Government in regard to actual production of power both in public and private sectors within the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES(SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The details in respect of High powered Board and the norms to be followed by the Private Sector for entering into electricity generation, supply and distribution have been notified through resolutions published in the gazette dated 22nd October, 1991, copies of which are enclosed herewith.

(d) The Eighth Five Year Plan in respect of the Power generation has not yet been finalised.

Setting up of New Intelligence and Vigilance Organisation

574. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present arrangements for vigilance and internal intelligence in the telecom sector are adequate;

(b) if not, whether the Ministry proposes to set up a new intelligence and vigilance organisation to check corrupt practices in the telecommunications department; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Proposal to set up a comprehensive vigilance organisation for the Department is under contemplation.

Payment of Interest for New Telephone connections

575. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Commission has recently decided to pay interest on the deposits accepted from the public for giving new telephone connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number or persons to whom the interest has been paid in the country so far?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI P.V.RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). As per the existing instructions, every application for a telephone connection shall be accompanied with an amount of deposit prescribed for each category. This amount carries interest from the date of deposit till the date of installation of telephone connection at the Bank rate prevailing from time to time. Interest is being paid to all the applicants who have registered their demands.

Over-Staying of Foreign Nationals in Hyderabad.

576. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: